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SUBJECT:ANTITRUST:ACQUISITION BY BAT, LTD., OF APPLETON
PAPERS DIVISION OF NC

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1. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) HAS NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT
THAT IT QUOTE IS CONDUCTING A PRELIMINARY NONPUBLIC INVESTI-
GATION INTO THE ACQUISITION BY BAT, LTD. (FORMERLY BRITISH
AMERICAN TOBACCO), WESTMINSTER HOUSE, 7, MILLBANK, LONDON,
SW1P 3JE, ENGLAND, OF THE APPLETON PAPERS DIVISION OF NCR
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(FORMERLY NATIONAL CASH REGISTER). NCR IS BASED IN DAYTON,
OHIO. THE PURPOSE OF THE INVESTIGATION IS TO DETERMINE
WHETHER OR NOT THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION, WHICH IS SCHEDULED
TO BE CONSUMMATED ABOUT JUNE 30, MIGHT HAVE ANTICOMPETITIVE
EFFECTS SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT A CHALLENGE UNDER SECTION 7 OF
THE CLAYTON ACT.

2. QUOTE THIS INVESTIGATION IS ROUTINE IN NATURE AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS INDICATING ANY CONCLUSIONS AS TO WHETHER A VIOLATION MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE. AT THE MOMENT NO COMPULSORY PROCESS IS ENVISIONED, ALTHOUGH THE COMMISSION STAFF DESIRES TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS FROM BAT, LTD. UNQUOTE.

3. THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INFORMED SEPARATELY BY THE FTC OF THIS INVESTIGATION. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF THE ABOVE ACTION PURSUANT TO THE 1967 OECD RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT ANY REACTIONS. VANCE

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